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OKAZAKI (Foreign Minister OKAZAKI Katsuo) conferred with Deputy Prime Minister OGATA and National Safety Agency Director KIMURA to work out a unified cabinet view on national defense. OGATA laid down the line: 1) Even under the present Constitution the right of self defense is recognized. So it is natural for Japan to have the NSF and Coastal Safety Force take charge of defense in case of direct aggression. For such action there is no need to revise the Constitution. 2) The Constitution prohibits Japan from having "war potential", so the government stand will be that the NSF and the CSF do not fall into this category. 3) Since the NSF and CSF are purely for defense they cannot be sent abroad.

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